

the President focus appropriate attention on neighborhood crime prevention and community policing, and coordinate certain Federal efforts to participate in National Night Out, which occurs the first Tuesday of August each year, including by supporting local efforts and community watch groups and by supporting local officials, to promote community safety and help provide homeland security;

**Pages H7235–37**

*United States Parole Commission Extension Act of 2008:* S. 3294, to provide for the continued performance of the functions of the United States Parole Commission;

**Page H7237**

*Amending title 38, United States Code, to prohibit the Secretary of Veterans Affairs from collecting certain copayments from veterans who are catastrophically disabled:* H.R. 6445, amended, to amend title 38, United States Code, to prohibit the Secretary of Veterans Affairs from collecting certain copayments from veterans who are catastrophically disabled;

**Pages H7240–44**

*United States Olympic Committee Paralympic Program Act of 2008:* H.R. 4255, amended, to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide assistance to the Paralympic Program of the United States Olympic Committee;

**Pages H7246–48**

*Injunctive Relief for Veterans Act of 2008:* H.R. 6225, amended, to amend title 38, United States Code, relating to equitable relief with respect to a State or private employer

**Pages H7248–53**

*Veteran-Owned Small Business Protection and Clarification Act of 2008:* H.R. 6221, amended, to amend title 38, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to include in each contract the Secretary enters for the acquisition of goods and services a provision that requires the contractee to comply with the contracting goals and preferences for small business concerns owned or controlled by veterans;

**Pages H7253–55**

*Amending title 38, United States Code, to repeal the provision of law requiring termination of the Advisory Committee on Minority Veterans as of December 31, 2009:* H.R. 674, to amend title 38, United States Code, to repeal the provision of law requiring termination of the Advisory Committee on Minority Veterans as of December 31, 2009;

**Pages H7255–56**

*Veterans Disability Benefits Claims Modernization Act of 2008:* H.R. 5892, amended, to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to modernize the disability benefits claims processing system of the Department of Veterans Affairs to ensure the accurate and timely

delivery of compensation to veterans and their families and survivors;

**Pages H7256–63**

*Supporting the goals and ideals of National Campus Safety Awareness Month:* H. Res. 1288, amended, to support the goals and ideals of National Campus Safety Awareness Month;

**Pages H7263–65**

*Congratulating the University of Tennessee women's basketball team for winning the 2008 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I Women's Basketball Championship:* H. Res. 1151, to congratulate the University of Tennessee women's basketball team for winning the 2008 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I Women's Basketball Championship;

**Pages H7269–71**

*Recognizing the importance of connecting foster youth to the workforce through internship programs, and encouraging employers to increase employment of former foster youth:* H. Res. 1332, to recognize the importance of connecting foster youth to the workforce through internship programs, and to encourage employers to increase employment of former foster youth; and

**Pages H7271–72**

*Lead-Safe Housing for Kids Act of 2008:* H.R. 6309, amended, to amend the Residential Lead-Based Paint Hazard Reduction Act of 1992 to define environmental intervention blood lead level and establish additional requirements for certain lead hazard screens.

**Pages H7280–81**

**Presidential Message:** Read a message from the President wherein he reported that he has issued an Executive Order expanding the scope of the national emergency declared with respect to Zimbabwe—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered printed (H. Doc. 110–138).

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**Senate Messages:** Messages received from the Senate and messages received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appear on pages H7172 and H7248.

**Senate Referrals:** S. 3352 was held at the desk.

**Amendments:** Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H7309–30.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Three yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H7267–68, H7268, and H7269. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10:30 a.m. and adjourned at 11:10 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### STATE OF SOCIAL WORK

*Committee on Education and Labor:* Subcommittee on Healthy Families and Communities held a hearing

on Caring for the Vulnerable: The State of Social Work in America. Testimony was heard from Adina Fuller, Social Worker, Department of Youth Rehabilitation Services, District of Columbia; and public witnesses.

#### CREDIT SCORING MODELS/CREDIT SCORES

*Committee on Financial Services:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled "What Borrowers Need to Know About Credit Scoring Models and Credit Scores." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### LEBANON UPDATE

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Subcommittee on the Middle East and South Asia held a hearing on Update on the Situation in Lebanon. Testimony was heard from Jeffrey Feltman, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs, Department of State and former U.S. Ambassador to Lebanon.

#### MILITARY CONSTRUCTION AND VETERANS AFFAIRS APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2009

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by a non-record vote, an open rule with a preprinting requirement for consideration of the bill (H.R. 6599), the Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Act, 2009. The rule provides for one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations.

The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill except clause 9 or 10 of rule XXI. The rule waives points of order against provisions of the bill for failure to comply with clause 2 of rule XXI. The rule provides that no amendment to the bill shall be in order except those printed in the portion of the Congressional Record designated for that purpose in clause 8 of rule XVIII by July 30 and except pro forma amendments for the purpose of debate. Each amendment so printed may be offered only by the Member who caused it to be printed or a designee and shall be considered as read. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Finally, the rule permits the Chair, during consideration of the bill in the House, to postpone further consideration of the bill to a time designated by the Speaker. Testimony was heard from Representatives Edwards of Texas, Filner and Crenshaw.

### Joint Meetings

#### COLLEGE OPPORTUNITY AND AFFORDABILITY ACT

*Conferees* agreed to file a conference report on the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of H.R. 4137, to amend and extend the Higher Education Act of 1965.

#### AZERBAIJAN: HUMAN RIGHTS AND DEMOCRATIZATION

*Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe:* Commission concluded a hearing to examine human rights and democratization in Azerbaijan, focusing on the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) and the Council of Europe's numerous concerns, including freedom of the media, political prisoners and the conduct of elections, after receiving testimony from David J. Kramer, Assistant Secretary of State for Democracy, Human Rights and Labor; Yashar Aliyev, Ambassador of the Republic of Azerbaijan to the United States, Washington, D.C.; and Chris Walker, Freedom House, New York, New York.

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#### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, JULY 30, 2008

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

##### Senate

*Committee on Armed Services:* closed business meeting to continue consideration of pending calendar business, 9:30 a.m., SR-222.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* to hold hearings to examine ways to improve consumer protection in the prepaid calling card market, 10 a.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on National Parks, to hold hearings to examine S. 1816, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to establish a commemorative trail in connection with the Women's Rights National Historical Park to link properties that are historically and thematically associated with the struggle for women's suffrage, S. 2093, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate a segment of the Missisquoi and Trout Rivers in the State of Vermont for study for potential addition to the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, S. 2535, to revise the boundary of the Martin Van Buren National Historic Site, S. 2561, to require the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a theme study to identify sites and resources to commemorate and interpret the Cold War, S. 3011, to amend the Palo Alto Battlefield National Historic Site Act of 1991 to expand the boundaries of the historic site, S. 3113, to reinstate the Interim Management Strategy governing off-road vehicle use in the Cape Hatteras National Seashore, North Carolina, pending the issuance of a final rule for